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(57) Abstract: A compound of the formula R¹. [(AO)_n-R²]_m (I) where: R¹ is the residue of a group having at least m active hydrogen atoms; AO is an alkylene oxide residue; each n is independently from 1 to 100; m is at least 2; and each R² is independently H, a C₁ to C₂₁ hydrocarbyl, or an acyl group -OC.R³, where R³ is a C₁ to C₂₁ hydrocarbyl group, wherein on average greater than one of the R² groups is or comprises a C₄ to C₂₁ hydrocarbyl group comprising at least two ethylenic double bonds. The compounds are particularly suitable for use in preparing aqueous emulsions or dispersions of resins and polymers, especially alkyd resins.